GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:94
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2008
TEACHING OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT THE PRIMARY LEVEL
Singh Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to teach English language from the primary level itself in all the schools in the country;

(b) If so, the details, thereof,

(c) whether the move to teach English language is contradictory to the recommendation of the Kothari Commission of 1964 which favoured mother tongue as the medium of instruction in primary schools; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a)to(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.94 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2008 ASKED BY SHRI MOHAN SINGH REGARDING TEACHING OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT THE PRIMARY LEVEL

(a to d) The State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations decide the curriculum of elementary education.Nearly all States in the country have introduced English as a subject at some stage of the primary level of education.